

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the posts of member technical and member cost in the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has been abolished;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether in absence of the above posts, notified norms have implemented by NPPA thus resulting into declaration of higher maximum retail prices of medicines;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to review the working of NPPA; and
- (e) the time by which the revamping is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is an independent body of experts consisting of a Chairman in the status of the Secretary to the Government of India, Members having expertise in the field of pharmaceuticals, economics and cost accountancy and Member Secretary in the status of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary to the Government of India. The expertise in the field of costing, pharmaceuticals and economics are obtained by the NPPA through the following three ex-officio members appointed by the Government:

1. Additional Chief Advisor (Cost), Department of Expenditure.
2. Drug Controller General of India, Ministry of Health.
3. Economic Adviser, Department of Economics Affairs.

Under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 the NPPA has notified norms for Conversion Cost, Packing Charges and Process Loss on 11th August, 2004 and for Packing Material norms on 19th August, 2004